

## **BOARD FOR GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS**

### **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: August 3, 2007

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Professional Standards and code of Professional Conduct – Professional Geology and Geophysics

(1) Section(s) Affected: Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 29, Section 3065.

#### Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

The Architects Board and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors have updated their professional standards regulations. The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists has not updated the professional standards since they were originally adopted on September 27, 1999. The proposed amendments would update the professional standards to reflect changes in market conditions and make existing regulation more consistent with other licensing boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

The Board will accomplish this by amending Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 29, Section 3065 to incorporate language that has been promulgated into other boards' regulations.

#### Factual Basis/Rationale

Factual basis for determination that each proposed change is necessary:

The Board and the licensing community determined that the existing professional standards require updating in order to better protect the interests of the public by further clarifying requirements under the professional standards as to competence, misrepresentation, conflict of interest, confidential information, required notifications, and adding requirements for compliance with applicable laws.

#### Underlying Data

Technical, theoretical or empirical studies or reports relied upon (if any):

None

### Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This initial determination is based on the following facts or evidence/documents/testimony:

The regulation addresses the conduct of licensees.

### Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

### Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.